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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 3224

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI
SUBJECT: KUWAIT REQUEST FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
ASSISTANCE

1. KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTRY, DEF MIN AND CHIEF OF
STAFF HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE TO CONDUCT
SEARCH AND RESCUE OF CREW OF KUWAIT AIR FORCE PUMA
HELICOPTER WHICH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DITCHED IN
PERSIAN GULF AT 18:30 ZULU JUNE 12. AIRCRAFT WAS
ON A FLIGHT FROM RAS AL-ZOR (MINA SAUD) (COORDINATES
28' 44' NORTH, 48' 24" EAST) TO QARUH ISLAND, OFF THE
COAST OF KUWAITI PORTION OF PARTITIONED EX-NEUTRAL ZONE
(COORDINATES 28' 49" NORTH, 48' 47" EAST).

2. GOK (AIR FORCE AND COAST GUARD) BEGAN SEARCH
AT 23:00 ZULU JUNE 12, BUT DUE TO DUST STORM,
VISIBILITY IS CURRENTLY NO MORE THAN ONE MILE,
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HAMPERING SEARCH. WE ARE INFORMED THAT KUWAITIS
ARE SEARCHING ADJACENT LAND AREA AS WELL AS GULF.
COAST GUARD HAS HAD TEN CRAFT SEARCHING AND AIR FORCE
HAS DEPLOYED NUMEROUS AIRCRAFT. SAUDI MILITARY HAS ALSO
BEEN ACTIVE IN SEARCH SINCE 02:00 ZULU JUNE 13, ACCORDING
TO GOK.

3. RECOMMEND COMIDEASTFOR BE AUTHORIZED TO ASSIST IN THIS SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION AND THAT ANY OTHER U.S. ASSETS POSSIBLY AVAILABLE ALSO BE ASKED TO ASSIST. IF USG ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED, SUGGEST MIDEASTFOR REPRESENTATIVE BE SENT TO KUWAIT IMMEDIATELY TO COORDINATE.

4. IF THE KUWAITI HELICOPTER IS FOUND UNDER WATER, USG MAY EXPECT A GOK REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO RECOVER BOTH AIRCRAFT AND BODIES OF CREW.
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